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## September 25: *“From the Soccer Field to the Pulpit”*

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We would like to share a story of one of our pastors who we had a part in getting saved. Davi loved to play soccer and drink alcoholic beverages. He visited our church in 1985 with his family. I went to visit him and his family. He lived behind his mother who was a Catholic and had a lot of influence on him. The night I got there, he was headed out to play soccer. However, I was in the only door he could get out. He got mad at me that night as I shared the gospel with them. He didn't get saved that night, but the seed was planted. He came back to church a while later and trusted Christ. He has a wonderful voice. He sings with others in the church and God called him to preach. Now he is pastoring the second church we started in a city about 30 minutes from our city of Franca. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness in reaching the souls we talk with. He has to save them; we just have to tell them.

Also, let us share with you how God has protected us time and time again. We were kidnapped in April 1999 on a Sunday morning. We thought we were going to see Jesus, but God was very kind to us. They robbed our house and searched for money. They took us out in the country where we thought it would be the end, but they left us there and drove off with our car. Our church could not figure out what was going on. I had told them I was going to do to them what they did to us many times and not show up! They thought I did! Our heavenly Father was watching out for us, and we are still here today preaching His Word!